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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Jackson's Subcommittee - S. Res. 115

1. Pursuant to memorandum of 9 September 1959 from the Planning Board Secretariat, Legislative Counsel met with the Planning Board at 10:30 a.m. Present were the usual Planning Board members plus what Gordon Gray called the legislative points of contact for the various departments and agencies furnished to Senator Jackson by Ed McCabe at the White House. Gordon Gray stated the purpose of the meeting was simply to follow up on the previous Planning Board discussions of this matter, to answer questions from anyone, and to exchange views.
2. Department of Defense indicated they had run into no basic problems as yet although there have been interviews by the Subcommittee staff of eight individuals in Defense. State also reported that they had developed no basic problems. Both indicated that the staff had stated they would like to meet with various management officials, the purpose of such meeting would be to discuss selection and training of individuals for policy making positions. Also included was the possible thought of transfer of executives between agencies in a "career service."
3. Gordon Gray raised the matter of the legislative points of contact sitting in on each interview. It was reported that Mr. McElroy had asked that Oliver Gale sit in each interview and he had done so. Mr. McCabe thought this was primarily a matter for each department head to decide, saying the principal point was that the information should be available to a focal point whether it be by personal presence, telephone calls or memoranda. Gordon Gray again raised the point of sending notes

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on the subject to a central point but McCabe indicated he thought this was not necessary and should be retained in a focal point in each department.

4. James Lay discussed war gaming of hypothetical situations in the Planning Board and NSC. There was some indication that there was a desire for four to five hypothetical cases to be processed. DOD expressed the thought that they should work on the same hypothetical cases as State. The difficulties of falling over into substance in presenting a hypothetical case were discussed and State indicated that basically they intended to produce only a flow sheet as did Defense. Karl Harr, OCB, stated that there had been an interview with the staff and they had used the hypothetical case of Ruritania. He said it was indicated to him that they would like to take the State and DOD hypothetical cases when they were through and process them through OCB. The Bureau of the Budget reported that the staff had met with Robert Macy about three weeks ago and no basic problems were encountered.

5. I reported that Jackson and his staff at luncheon meetings had met with Mr. Bissell and Mr. Amory and that no basic problems were encountered. Subsequently when Mr. Amory joined the meeting he expanded slightly on his discussion and pointed out that the memorandum of the meeting was forwarded both to the Director and Legislative Counsel. (Previously [redacted] was present, standing in for Mr. Amory, and [redacted] was also present.)

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6. Ed McCabe pointed out that the staff people involved were very capable and pleasant individuals and apparently well motivated. However, he cautioned that this should not be misleading since eventually this study would be an adversary proceeding.

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